



## HORSE CONTAINMENT POLICY

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The following policy has been adopted by the Board of the Waikato Racing Club (WRC) to increase all aspects involving the safety of horses, riders and all other persons using the WRC facilities at Te Rapa Racecourse. We require horse handlers to at all times have in place procedures to manage and to take whatever action is necessary to minimise the opportunities for a horse or horses to accidentally escape the confines of the racecourse property and onto surrounding properties and/or roadways. By minimising this risk the WRC can achieve maximum safety for those occupants and users of the surrounding properties and/or roadways.

### **1. Application / Responsibility**

This policy shall apply to every person who is involved in any manner whatsoever with the care, control or superintendence of a horse or horses entering, exiting or stabled on the Te Rapa Racecourse property. In addition to this policy all such persons must comply at all times with all New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Rules or Directives involving safety issues.

The responsibility for complying with and enforcing this Horse Containment Policy lies with the WRC management and their staff, contractors and those persons mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

### **2. Gates**

All gates on which have attached the sign reading "This gate is to be closed at all times" must be opened and immediately closed each and every time a vehicle or pedestrian uses such gate.

Any gate displaying this sign must NOT be left open at any time or for any purpose other than for the actual act of entering or exiting the Te Rapa Racecourse property.

On race days, gates in use that on other days are required to be closed at all times, shall be manned by WRC staff and opened and closed in accordance with safety instructions.

### **3. Unloading and Loading**

There is within Te Rapa Racecourse, a designated Horse Containment Area (HCA) which is defined as such area as completely enclosed by the 8ft high security fence that borders the stabling block, horse tie ups, horse yards, horse paddocks and the on and off loading areas including ramps, which adjoin the stabling complex at Te Rapa Racecourse.

For the purposes of entering, exiting or being stabled at Te Rapa Racecourse, all horses shall be unloaded and loaded within the confines of the HCA and in no other place.

### **4. Trackwork**

Horse floats bringing horses to Te Rapa Racecourse for trackwork or stabling have only the one option of entry and that is via Ken Browne Drive and through the unmanned security gate leading into the HCA. This gate shall be opened and immediately closed after entry and exit.

## **5. Race Day**

Horse floats bringing horses to Te Rapa Racecourse on a race day have two options for entry. One option is via Ken Browne Drive and through what will be the manned security gate leading into the HCA. The other option for mostly north bound floats is via the manned security gates leading into the HCA off Te Rapa Straight adjacent to the National Bank Building.

On race days such manned gates as mentioned in this section shall be opened and immediately closed by the gate person after each vehicle enters or exits.

## **6. Policy Non Compliance**

A person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Horse Containment Policy may be liable to face action being taken against them by the Waikato Racing Club pursuant to employment law or the Club by-laws and in addition, if relevant, may be reported to New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Officials for action to be taken pursuant to the Rules of Racing.

*By order of the WRC Board dated:*

*7 July 2008*

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